

people. It should be such as will in no way divert the thoughts of the people from the sermon."

In answer to our question, "What is a Christian," we have thus far received about twenty-five replies. These answers will make good reading matter for the EVANGELIST and we should like to have at least one hundred of them. Will you not try your hand at it? It is true only one will get the prize but then it is not that you are working for. We shall be glad to hear from ministers, teachers and all others interested. When this question is disposed of it will be followed by another, "Why I am a Christian." To date we have received but one or two replies from ministers. May we not have at least fifty from them? Please.

THE article on pages 4 and 5 by Brother Cassel entitled "Holiness," is, at the request of the author, being put up in tract form for use in his work. The tract will be kept for sale at this office at the rate of 75 cents per 100, or 10 cents per dozen prepaid. The subject is one on which there exists quite a diversity of opinions, and the author's motive in bringing it out in this form is that it may awaken an interest in and stimulate Bible study on this important New Testament doctrine. Brother Cassel has very decided and positive convictions on the subject and writes as one who thoroughly believes in what he advocates.

A NEW YORK paper represents a Lawrence, Kan., man, writing from that city to the *Lawrence Journal*, as saying, "The greatest thing I saw was a former student of the Music Department of Kansas University playing a hand organ in Central Park." On this the *Advocate* comments as follows: "This is not remarkable for Kansas. We have heard of an ex-Kansas senator acting as reporter for a prize fight. Neither is it remarkable for any part of the country. It is impossible to name a man so high to-day that one once as high may not be found at a very low estate. Nor is there any person who can be sure where or what he will be twenty years from now, should he live so long.

This can be said in favor of this man: he has at least to keep his profession. In fortunate contrast to these melancholy transitions is the fact that many exalted in virtue, learning, or wealth have raised themselves from positions as humble as that of an organ grinder. "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men."

#### THE FIVE HUNDRED

The 500 list is still growing but we must remind our friends that while the list is growing longer the time in which subscribers can be taken at one dollar each is growing shorter and that rapidly too. There remain but two weeks more and if we are to reach the 500 at one dollar we must do it within these two weeks. It is a great deal easier to get

new subscribers at one dollar than it will be at \$1.50, and please remember that the latter price takes effect December 1, unless we are instructed differently by the Board, which is not out likely. Let every friend of the paper make the best possible use of the time that yet remains at the low price. Below is the list since last reported:

B. H. Flory,	9	J. M. Hanawalt,	2
Geo. H. Warren,	1	I. J. Thomas,	2
D. L. King,	1	M. S. White,	2
Sarah Griffith,	1	L. S. Bauman,	5
John Kurts,	1	Total,	29
Laura Slotter,	2	Previously reported,	194
J. D. Gans,	1	To date,	223
Slother Hansel,	2		

#### MUST SUCCEED

Below we give three communications from as many ministers in the Brethren church, and a fourth from one who is of another persuasion, all of which give evidence of that earnest, systematic work, which invariably leads to success. The first is a postal card from L. S. Bauman and reads as follows:

Will you please send me a bundle of about fifty pledges for the Mission Board? I am going to try to make use of about that many. A scheme on hand. That new paper! It is just worth a good deal more than my trouble to obtain five more subscribers for it by December 1. So there's my promise. Send it at once to, (Here follow two names) Will send you the other three and a five dollar bill before December 1.

This makes the second five for Brother Bauman, and it will be seen that he does not neglect his other duties in making an effort to get these subscribers. He is pushing the mission work. The second is a letter from Brother Flora, State Evangelist of Indiana. In sending in nine new subscribers, he says:

The new church at Cerro Gordo, Ill., does not feel able to employ a pastor for regular preaching, but there are good workers there. The S. S. C. E. is ready for every good work. The brethren are also energetic and devoted. There are eleven families and by their united help and mutual interest we are enabled to send a good preacher to each home once a week for one year.

Brother Flora organized this church and as he can not remain with them he has done the next best thing, put the EVANGELIST into each home in the congregation. The third communication is from Brother Darling. He sends us a circular announcing his meetings now in progress. The circular is headed thus:

#### THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO ETERNITY

Mat. 7: 13-14.

This is followed by a description of the two ways to eternity, No. 1.—NARROW WAY TO HEAVEN, No. 2.—BROAD WAY TO ETERNAL DOOM. Then follows the important question:

#### WHICH WAY ARE YOU TRAVELING

The above is the introduction to the circular. This is followed by the announcement of fifteen different subjects for as many meetings, with a general invitation and welcome to all. Among the subjects announced are

these: 1. Non Church Goers. 2. The Door was Shut. 3. Two Railroads to Eternity. 4. The Last Time. 5. A Spiritual Tramp. Too Late. 6. Eternity of Memory. 7. The Roll Call of the Dead. 8. No Room. 9. Almost, but Lost. 10. Tears. 11. No Probation Beyond Death. 12. Gone Beyond Recall. 13. All Unprepared. 14. Eternity, Where.

The forth is the announcement of a New York pastor, one who preaches in a prominent church in that city, where as it is usually reported the stranger and the poor man are not welcomed to church services. This church announces its purpose to care for the stranger that is within its gates in the following way:

#### OUR CHURCH'S WELCOME

Welcome is the shibboleth that will win the people. So long as there is a vacant seat in the sanctuary no person shall be kept waiting in the vestibule. Welcome to lofty and lowly! Welcome to old and young! Welcome to capital and labor! Welcome to the wise and unwise! Welcome to all to a place in our Father's house!

We have given the above for the encouragement and help of others. Hearing of these efforts and seeing these announcements, like Paul, "we thank God and take courage."

#### THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

President McKinley has issued the following Thanksgiving Proclamation:

In remembrance of God's goodness to us during the past year, which has been so abundant, "let us offer unto Him our thanksgiving and pay our vows unto the Most High." Under His watchful providence industry has prospered, the conditions of labor have been improved, the rewards of the husbandman have been increased and the comforts of our homes multiplied. His mighty hand has preserved peace and protected the nation. Respect for law and order has been strengthened, love of free institutions cherished and all sections of our beloved country brought into closer bonds of fraternal regard and cooperation.

For these great benefits it is our duty to praise the Lord in a spirit of humility and gratitude and to offer up to Him our most earnest supplications. That we may acknowledge our obligations as a people to Him who has so graciously granted us the blessings of free government and material prosperity, I, William McKinley, President of the United States, do hereby designate and set apart Thursday, the 25th day of November, for national thanksgiving and praise, which all of the people are invited to observe with appropriate religious services in their respective places of worship.

On this day of rejoicing and domestic reunion let our prayers ascend to the Giver of every good and perfect gift for the continuance of His love and favor to us, that our hearts may be filled with charity and good will, and that we may be ever worthy of His beneficent concern.